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Minerals Management Service  
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Dear Dr. Cluck:

This note was inspired by a radio commercial aired by opponents of the 'Cape Wind' renewable energy development and by their web site. These people are seeking to delay the project through mechanisms such as getting you to extend the period for public comment on the scoping of the environmental impact statement for that project.

It is my opinion that these people are wrong. The 45 day period for public comment is quite long enough and you should not extend it. There has already been enough time for public comment and commentary on this project and it is time to get on with it. I hope that you folks in government will not collaborate with the opponents of clean, renewable energy in their attempt to kill the project with delays.

For full disclosure: I am a Professor of Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with interests in electric power systems, particularly in alternative energy sources. I have done and continue to do research with support of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. I have no financial nor fiduciary interest in the Cape Wind project, aside from the fact that I live in New England and purchase electric power for use in my household.

Sincerely,

*James Yonke*